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### **SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST TO REMAIN IN STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS**

**(Santa Fe, NM)**—After careful consideration, Forest Supervisor Gilbert Zepeda announced this afternoon that the Santa Fe National Forest will not implement partial closures (Stage III Fire Restrictions) by the end of the week. “Lessons learned have shown us how closures can impact local economies and at this time the public’s adherence to current restrictions, predicted moisture, and the availability of fire fighting resources will allow the Forest to remain in Stage II Fire Restrictions,” said Zepeda.

Fire managers will continue to monitor conditions on a daily basis to determine whether partial closures will need to be implemented.

The Santa Fe National Forest appreciates everyone’s efforts in being wildfire prevention stewards while recreating on the Forest. Since January 1, 2006, 8 human-caused fires have burned 18 acres on the Forest. “Considering how hot, dry and windy the spring has been, these are unusually promising statistics. It tells us that people are taking their fire prevention responsibilities very seriously,” expressed Claudia Standish, Wildland Urban Interface & Fire Prevention Specialist.

To join in, or continue being a wildfire prevention steward, please remember when planning a trip to your National Forest, **KNOW BEFORE YOU GO** and take fire restrictions seriously.

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